FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE T. D. C. C. AT THE BIJOU WEDNESDAY

WINNERS OF PAINT BOOKS IN 23D WEEK'S CONTEST

EMILY MINNIGERODE, No. 913 Eleventh Street, Lynchburg, Va. THOMAS WOODY, No. 904 North Twenty-seventh Street, city. JANIE WALKER, No. 1114 Decatur Street, Manchester, Va.

WINNERS IN DRAWING CONTEST. NANNIE R. COOKE, Buckner's, Va. HAROLD DRAPER, No. 412 East Leigh Street, City.

> WINNER IN PUZZLE CONTEST. CONSTANCE FENTON, Lightfoot, Va.

THE T. D. C. C. MEMBERS TO MEET AT THE BIJOU ON WEDNESDAY

The T. D. C. C. editor feels moved to congratulate the Club because with all the distractions and merrymaking of Christmas, they have found time to write as pretty letters, to draw as pretty pictures and to compose as clover stories as at any other And that is greatly to the Club's praise.

Next Wednesday, December 20th, will witness the Club's first reunion, at the Bijou Theatre, which will be open for matines only to the members of the T. D. C. C., and a few grown-ups who have been asked to meet them. A delightful programme has been arranged, including the best things in the weekly theatrical list. with special features and cordial words of velcome and encouragement from some distinguished gentlemen who will be present.

As admission will be only by badges, these should be worn conspicuously. Badges will be sent to all active applicants whose letters were sent in up to Saturday, De-

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MOTHER GOOSE CONTEST.

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Branch, May
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Armstrong, W. Allen, R. W., Jr.

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Brown, H. S. Broocks, J. B.

Culbert, Lee Crowder, Lee Crowder, Harbert

Cooling Hancher Cassel, A. M. Cooke, N. R. Cowles Harold Dearhart, Clifton

Diggs, Jack Davenport, G. D. Davenport, Chas. Druper, Harold

The Newer Woman. For some time past we hav ebeen hear-

ing so much of the "coming woman,"

that the latest news of the lady's move-

ments will be a surprise, as well as a re-

clubs." We hear of three such oragniza

tions in New York, and several in other

cities. To the uninitiated, the name may

LELIA BATTE EPES.

Sunset.

A radiant mass of red and golden,
A pupils mist piled rough and migh,
Streaked across with heads of silver,
Hound by banks of azure sky.
The river ever soft reflected
All this beauty on its breast;
The gleaming thus e'en danced a
sparkied.

O'er the mountains purple crest.

But soon the sun with dazzling splender,
Plunged behind the radiant West,
Where all the birds sand farewell matins,
To the one they loved the best,
hus the glorious sunset dieth;
Softly fade the colors bright,
And the earth once more is sleeping
In the thraidom of twilisht.
EDITH BAYLISS.

The Lost Bird.

One day last summer mother and my two little brothers were sitting on the

front porch. A little young sparrow fell

from a tree to the ground. The boys wanted to catch it, but mother told them no; they could only catch it and put it on something high—a fence or railing—where the mother bird could find it and the it to its cast. In trying to catch it

sparkled.

ages she has been superseded. The "newer woman" has arrived, and she is forming nerself into "newer woman

talk than in actuality.

Burton.

Gray, Fannie Gruves, Elmer Grimes, Elmer Grimn, M. H. Oregory, A. A. Hawiey, M. Hughes, Thelma Hudson, L. Harviey, Cleo Hudson, M. L. Haugh, S. Harrison, K. T. Jackson, Ethel Joyce, L. B. Joseph, C. E. Burke, Josoph Johnson, J. L. Lotsey, W.

Larkin, W. H. Moffat, Marion Michie, M. E. Minnigerode, Emily Newman, L. B. North, J. S. Powell, P. Paulero, A. E. Peters, Nonio Pittman, Maude Rothschild, H. Rees, E. Scott, Bessie Selden, A. R. Schaadt, A. M. Tupman, B. Trainum, C.

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Zimmermann, W. J.

But not in slow, My eighth is in farm, Also in alarm,
My ninth is in sand,
My whole is the name of a well known W. C. COULBOURN. (A) 1. Change the first letter of a visible sign of weariness and the following transformations will appear:
2. The break of day.

and seeing so comparatively little of her Haf to many It seems that not only has she actually come, but she is already foremost files of time. As the latest product of the century the heiress of all the

By NANNIE R. COOKE, Buckner's, Va. (Prize Drawing.)

perhaps, suggest dread visions of biurcated garmets, cigarcites and political discussions. As a matter of fact, the newer woman cares for none of these things. She represents a fortuning seaction from an ephemeral craze, which after all existed more in print and in talk than in actuality. it disappeared under the porch, and we, of course, did not expect to see it any more; but later in the evening our attention was attracted by the fluttering of something on the baby carriage, which stood in the yard. When we went to see what it was there sat the poor little frightened bird, perched upon the axle of the carriage. Papa took it up and placed it upon the roof of the coal-house in the back yard. It hadn't been there more than two or three minutes when the mother bird came and tried to teach it to fly. She would fly from the roof to a branch of a tree near by, and back again, chirping all the while. Each time she did this the baby bird would try to do the same. At last it flew too far and fell to the ground. It was then caught by a black cat who had been regulshly watching the scene. of course, did not expect to see it any She is neither advanced, nor emancipated, and she is slad of it, and so is the rest of the world. Her club room is cherry with the scothing clatter of tea cups, and the unaffected laughter of sensible womanhood. She discusses subjects that are wholly familiar and entirely mundance, and leaves political and economic problems to teh students of those doleful sciences. She has no bills before the Use slatures, and no plans for the subjucation of man beyond those that have slways of man beyond those that have siways made him woman's willing slave. All hall to the newer woman!

6. Cut asunder.

1. What is this? A bridge no boy can ne. At last it flew too far the ground. It was then black cat who had been ching the scene.

LOUISE HAZLEWOOD.

cross

2. Who are the men that are all supposed to be entertaining?

A DROP LETTER PUZZLE.

1. T — B — —. A wonderful mountain.

RIDDLES.

8. A graceful young animal; to flatter

4. An attendant upon royalty church

dignaturies and persons of rank a pledge.

A delicate woven fabric; a grassy plain.

6. Cut assumer.
(B.) 1. Thin space.
S. A receptacle for water.
4. A high position in society.
5. Damp moist, a Persian silver coin.
6. A skein of silk or thread.

THOMAS WOODY,

Three of Our Prize Winners SOME BRIGHT LETTERS





PUZZLES AND ANSWERS.

1. Acrostic signed Pearl Johnson. Ans.

8. Acrostic, signed Anne Ennis. Ans.

2. Acrostic, signed Anne Ennis. Ans. Chrysanthemum. Acrostic No. 2, by same, Ans. Bureau. Acrostic No. 3, by same, Ans. Tiger.

4. Drop-Letter Puzzles, signed Marion Stuart Dimmock. Ans. Brazil, Pacific, Mediterranean. Amazon, Thames, Savannah, Hallfax, Niagara, Tennessee. Madrid.

5. Puzzle No. 1, signed James Satterwhite. Ans. Chicken. Puzzle No. 2, by same. Ans. Letter M.

6. Acrostic, signed Cave Maddox, Ans. Constantinople. Conundrums, by same. Ans. No relation at all. Because it cannot go any other way. One corrects and the other directs. Because it is in the swim.

Acrostic signed, Hallie M. Jordan.

Ans. Bed.
8. Charade, No. 1, signed Lillian T. Huband. Ans. Prot-ridge. Charade No. 2, by same. Ans. Falry-land. Charade No. 3, by same. Ans. Night-in-gale. Diamond. by same. Ans. C-Rid-Raves-Clvilly-Delay-Sly-y. An acrostic—Words of 5 letters-Across-by same. Ans. Bedlim. Ultra. Cares. Knout.

etters. Across Knout. PUZZLES.

My first is in cane,
But not in rain,
My second is in head.
But not in bed.
My third is in train.

My third is in train.
Also in reign.
My fourth is in ice.
Also in mice.
My fifth is in snow,
But not in row.
My sixth is in late.
Also in fate,
My seventh is in mow
But not in slow.

4. — A — L — L —. An author. 5. — — L L. An American inventor.

1. Acrostic signed Pearl Johnson. Ans. Turkey.
2. Acrostic, signed John Wilbur Watson. Ans. Thomas Jefferson. 3. Hidden Cities, signed John W. Watson. Ans. Rio Janeiro, San Francisco, Denver, Seattle, Charleston. Atlanta, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Quito, Caracas, Montreal, Monterey. CONUNDRUM. I consist of twenty-nine letters. My D, 7, 8, 3, 22, 4 is a barren waste.



By Grace W. Graves, No. 607 South Pine Street,

14 is one of the United States. My 20, 13, 14, 5, 4, 28, 21, 7 is a way of reckening distance. My 29, 27, 28, 11, 18 is an unvoluntary

My 12, 10, 24, 17, 18 is to press tight. My 26, 2, 28, 22, 17, 18 is a place of

worship.

My whole is a large body with a fine head, many members, a big heart and a splendid circulation.

BESSIE SCOTT.

ACROSTIC.

My first is in can, but not in ran.

My second is in once, but not in dunce. My third is in unall, but not in mail. My fourth is in sell, but not in Nell. My fifth is in stall, but not in hall. My sixth is in marks, but not in box.

My seventh is in Nell, but not in well,
My sighth is in itall, but not in hall.

My ninth is in inch, but not in lynch,
My tenth is in night, but not in sight.

My claventh is in people, but not in

steeple.

My twelfth is in pear, but not in air.

My thirteenth is in lay, but not in say.

My fourteenth is in earl, but not in

My whole is in the capital of of an Eastern country. EMILY HALL Eastern country.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC NO. 1. (Words of five letters.) (Words of five letters.)

1. The name of a magazine.
2. Is a Scripture, proper name.
3. Is found in an artist's studio.
4. Fright.
5. An Irish patriot.
6. A female's name.
7. Is to travel over.
8. Is inul.
The primals spell what we want and the nal spells when we want them.
PATSON BRUCE.

PAYSON BRUCE.

CONUNDRUM.

CONUNDRUM.

1. What age do we all dread?

2. What was the age of Esau?

3. What age is common to all?

4. What age do kings most enjoy

5. What is the best age for a horse?

7. What is the best age for a solder?

7. What is the most deceptive age?

8. Why was the government a long time in getting news from Santiago?

9. What was the difference between our navy and its Secretary in the war?

10. Name an English author who was turned out the first time he ever went to school? Which are a florist's most conspic-

11. Which are to uous features?
12. Why is a man's nose never longer than eleven inches?
CONSTANCE FENTON.

The Christmas Rose.

A pretty legand about the Christmas rose is this: Joseph of Arimathea, when he came to Britain sai down after ascending Glastonbury and being wearled struck his staff in the ground. It was Christmas Eve.

The staff budded and the next day the first Christmas roses burst into bloom.

MARY ELLIS TUCKER. Dorothy and Fido.

Dorothy and Fido.

Henrico county, Va.,
December 15, 1903.
Fido was the name of a dog that lived on, the farm where Baby Dorothy was spending the summer with Aunt Gortie.
Fido and Dorothy were great playmates, because Fido was so gentle and seemed to know that Dorothy was only a little bit of a girl and could not run like the older girls and boys; so she and Fido would roll over and over on the grass and play together in the woods.

One morning when Baby went out to have her usual romp with Fido she found three little pupples running around and having a glorious time chasing one another across the grass. She hurried back to the house and told Aunt Gertle what she had discovered, and asked for a biscuit for a breakfast for the pupples; but one little fellow only smelled of the biscuit and would not eat it. Aunt Gertle explained that the pupples were too young to eat biscuits, so Dorothy gave theb iscuit to Fido, who finished it in short order.

EDITH M. TYREE.

m short order.

EDITH M. TYREE.

This is copied and the best I could do.

Christmas Eve.

It was Christmas Eve when the children gathering around the fire were singing and laughing meerily about old Santa Claus, who would soon be there with his pack filled with everything good for boys

pack filled with everything good for boys and girls.

It was snowing out of doors and had been for a day. In a few minutes grandma entered with her head full of stories, and all the children cried, "Tell us a story, grandma; Tells us a story."

"All right," said grandma, "What shall the?"

Santa Claus," all cried. "Well, as Christmas is nearly here, I

FROM OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Editor T. D. C. C.;

Dear Sir, Inclosed you will find a plcture, which I hope you will put in your paper.

My father has been taking The Times. My father has been taking The Times. Dispatch for many years, but I hardly over booked at it until the children's page came out, and now I look forward to every Sunday with interest.

I am eleven years old, and attend Springfield school, I hope my picture will get me a badge. Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I remain, HAMPDEN GRADY BAYLISS.

Lines T. D. C. C. Miller L. Wish New Your little friend, HAMPDEN GRADY BAYLISS.

HAMPDEN GRADY BAYLISS.

Dour T, D. C. C. Izditor,—I wish you and all of the little T, D. C. C. members, who draw so well and write such nica stories, a marry Christmas, I hope my santy will find his way, through the raper, to No. 517 North Minth street, Richmond, Va., where my dear old grandma lives. Will you please print my nance as "contributor," as it has never been in yet, I will try to write a story for Christmas,

Your little friend,

Hillof Head, S. C.

Dear Mr. Editor,—I thank you very

Dear Editor.—I received the badge you sent a few days ago. I think it is very pretty. I thank you for it. I will sent you a piece, which I have written. I will send it later on, as I have not quite finished it. The name is "Baars Helping Each Other." I will close now.

Your friend,
HAYNE IL ROBERTSON.

Biackstone, Va.

Hiltofi Hend, S. C.

Dear Mr. Editor,—I thank you very much for my prize, received to-day, I have three brothers, and every. Sunday we have a tussle to get the children's page first. My youngest brother wants to join the T. D. C. C., and, as he cannot write to ask for a badge, I will ask you to send him one, and he sends you his drawing of Mother Hubbard. He did it all by himself, and, as he is only five, I is right good for him. His name is John Bruce. Please send him a badge to No. 408 1-2 North Elghth Street.

Yours truly,

GEORGE A. BRUCE.

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Editor of the Times-Dispatch:
Kind Sir.—I enclose a little drawing, which I hôpe will not be cast in the waste market. This is my first attempt for the prize. I would like to become a member of the I. D. C. C. and will be delighted to receive a base whenever you can conveniently send me one. We are all cooking forward to Ciristmas and hoping to have a good time I am twelve years cld, but I hope Santa Claus will not forget me, and my four little brothers and little sisten Nellie. She is the only sister I mave. She is eighteen twoiths old. I know if Santa Claus could see her he would bring her lots of things. She is so sweed and cute: she is the pet of our house. Wishing The Times-Dispatch a merry Christmas an a happy, prosperous New Year, I seman Mary J. BUCHER.

No. 720 Brook Avenue.

Dear Editor,—I received the book which you sent me for a prize to-day and was very much pleased.

I send a picture, which I hope you will, publish

Yours truly,
HAROLD COWLES.
Rochester, N. Y.
P. S.-My little sister sends a picture

Dear Editor.—I would like to become a member of the T. D. C. C., and here is a story, which I have written. I hope this is good enough to publish. Please send me a badge.

Yours truly,
LELIA BATTE EPES.
Blackstone, Va.

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Dear Editor,—I want to become a member of the T. D. C. C., and there is a puzzle. I hope it will be good enough to



Editor of the Children's Page;
Dear Sir,—I have been wanting to join the T. D. C. C. for a long time, but have put it off until now.
Enclosed you will find a piece of poetry I wrote myself, which I hope is good enough to publish. Please send me a mange.

Yours truly LEE BALL

Dear Editor,—I like the T. D. C. C. so well that I have wanted to join for a tong time. I rend the stories and like them very well. We have taken The limes-Dispatch for a long time. I write and ask you to please send me a badge, I am thirteen years old.

Your litte friend.

Arvonia, Buckingham County, Va.

Arvonla, Buckingham County, Va.

Wingfield, Va.

Dear Mr. Editor.—Thank you so much for the nice badge which you were so kind to send me. I was delighted with It, and wore it over to school to show it to the other children. Some of them Wish to Join the T. D. C. C., my brother being one of the number. Mamma had hoped that I would get a prize for painting the picture, but she says I must try and improve, so I can get one next time.

My brother and I each send you a story this time. It is our first attempt at writing stories. I hope Santa Claus will come to see you Christmas.

Your little friend,

HENRY F. GANTT.

Dear Editor.—I have heard of the T. D. C. C., and would like very much to be a member. I am twelve years old. Please send me a badge and tell me if I will nave to write a story or puzzle every week. I will inclose you a story and puzzle. Hope you will like them. Publish there, if they are it. I am going to look for them. My address, Lillian MURRAY. Graham, Alamance county, N. C.

Graham, Alamance county, N. C.

Dear Editor, -1 have been reading the children's letters in The Times-Dispatch, so I thought I would write you one. Please send me a badge. I have a bicycle that my papa gave me when I got well of diphtherin last year. They say I wall overy sick, and the only thing that saved my life was anti-toxine; Dr. Cali, of Richmond, gave it to me. I was very week when I got up; I could not wilk, but it was not long before I was strong onough to ride my wheel. I have no brothers or sisters, but I have a cousin that plays with me very often.

Your little friend,
H. PRESTON, MORRIS.

Jetersville, Va.

Editor Chidren's Page:
Dear Sir.—I have not contributed anything to your paper for a long time, but have not failed to read our page with growing ingress each week. Enclosed find a Christmas drawing, which I hope will reach you in time to be published in next Sunday's paper.

Yours truly
Myndus, Va. JULIETTE LOVING.

Dear Editor,—I received my prize and I think it is beautiful. Every one thinks that it was well worth trying for. I do not see how my picture could win such a nice prize. Anyhow, I thank you very much for it. I contribute some more this week, which I hope will be printed.

Thanking you for your kindness,

I am your friend, I am your friend, LOUISE K. KENNEDY,

Dear Editor,—I will write to you and thank you for accepting my story. I am gind you thought it was nice enough to publish I composed it myself. I send you another story this week called 'Dorothy and Her Pony."

1 like to compose stoles for the T. D. C. C. I would like to know if you give thought to see my story in print, I am Lizes for stories.

Hoping to see my story in print, I am

ALICE ELIZABETH KENNEDY.

Richmond, Va

Times-Dispatch:

Dear Sirs.—I want to become a member of the T. D. C. C. I send you a picture of a sailing vessel, and wish you would send me a badge.

Your little friend,
Your little friend,
No. 1008 Park Avenue, city.

Dear Editor,—I would like to be a member of the T. D. C. C. I am a little girl, twelve years old. I go to school, and I study grammar, arithmetic, history, geography and dictionary. I like to go to school very much. I have two pretty dolls. I play with them sometimes, and I have a ten set too. I have a cat and a dog. The cat's name is Tom, and the cog's name is Lep. When I go to eat, the cat jumps up at me for something to eat. Lynchburg, Va., Monday,
Dear Editor,—I take preat interest in
reading the page for the young folks. I
would like to Join the T. D. C. C. Pieuse
sona me a badge and a copy of the rules,
I am the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guggenneimer, of Lynchburg. We have taken
the Dispatch for thirteen years. My
mother was formerly Miss Rosenbaum,
or Kichmond. As I have said before, I
would like to be a member of your club
for many reasons.

MANY PERSONS.
CHARLIE GUGGENHEIMER, JR.

Dear Mr. Editor,—I send you one of my original drawings and hope it will be worthy of a prize. I am more interested in the children's page than ever before, and will do all I can to make it a perfect success. I hope you will sond me membership badge.

Yours with a happy Christmas,

CHARLES DAYENPORT,

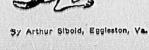
Blackstone, Va. Dec. II. 1808.
Fditor of Children's Page, Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.
Dear Editor—I would like to become a
member of the T. D. C. C., and Rere is
a core of the Lee family, which I have
written. I hope this is good enough to
publish.
Figure send me a badge.
Yours truly,
FRANCES BLIZABETH EPES.
AEE 14.

December 11, 1903. Dear Editor, I want to become a member of the T. D. C. C. and here is intle story about the pigeons. I hope it is, good enough to publish. Please semi me a badge Yours truly,

JACQUELINE FLETCHER EPES.

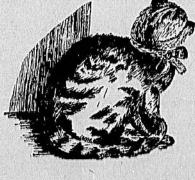








By HAROLD DRAPER.



By HAROLD COWLEP



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be published. Please send me a badge. Yours truly, PATTIE H. EFPS. Blackstone, Va., December 11, 1903.

At.
Your friend,
LILLIE ABBOTT,
Spring Garden, Va.

Dear Editor Times-Dispatch,-I re-

By MARIE ANDERSON.

will tell you about Santa Claus."

She told the mabout Santa, his pack, and what it held, They all had a folly time, and as Santa Claus came early, they then went to bed,

PEARL JOHNSON.

Richmond, Va.

My Cat.

My cat's name is Dumps. She is gray. I feed her the scraps from the table. She catches mice. When she catches them she slips upon them as slowly as she can. Before she kills it she plays with it. She

sups upon them as slowly as she can-before she kills it she plays with it. She likes to lie on the sofa pillow best of all, When she is happy she purs. Mamma made her a little cloak, but she would not have it.

ANNIE 4. CASSEL.

